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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Amendments to the Immigration and Naturalization Act

STATINTL

1. George Carey, [REDACTED] of the Office of Operations; [REDACTED] of the Office of Security; [REDACTED], Legislative Counsel; and I met to discuss previous requests of the Office of Operations for assistance in immigration matters. They were advised that we saw three approaches to solving their [REDACTED] cases:

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a. Examining the facts of specific cases with Alien Affairs to determine if normal procedures could not be used; that by the individual applying for a visa and getting on a waiting list it might be possible in a period of years that his number would be reached and the visa issued.

b. Proposing amendments to section 203 of the Act. That section presently provides for a first preference category in the cases where specialized experience, technical knowledge, etc. is urgently needed in the United States. For the Deputy Director (Plans) the Agency had been considering amending this Act by providing after the words "in the United States" the words "or by the United States Government".

c. Section 101(a)(27)(G) of the Act grants nonquota status to employees or retired employees of the United States Government abroad who have served 15 years or more. The statute requires recommendation by the principal Foreign Service officer in the area and approval by the Secretary of State.

2. The OO people thought the 15-year situation was excellent for their purposes and Mr. Carey, who plans to make a trip of the field stations, would like to brief the employees on this. He was cautioned that the employees could not be given a flat commitment on this since it would be necessary that they meet all the criteria of the Act, including the long list of items for which the immigrants may be barred a visa set forth in section 212. It was agreed also that Alien Affairs would explore the procedural aspects of this situation with the

Department of State looking toward furnishing Mr. Carey with a complete statement. Messrs. [REDACTED] will work on this memorandum. 25X1A9a

3. It was also agreed that Mr. [REDACTED] would continue his efforts to determine the status and content of various bills to amend the Act. In the meantime, Alien Affairs will request a formal position of the Deputy Director (Plans) on proposed amendments to section 203. 25X1A9a

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